

Volunteers in Utah's Monticello Field Office Build Memorial Toilet to Honor Climber

Nearly 40 volunteers showed up for the construction of a memorial toilet in the Indian Creek Special Recreation Management Area. The project was coordinated by Bureau of Land Management (BLM) employees Brandt Hart and Josh Sherrock and took place on Saturday, November 1st, 2014.

The toilet was built in memory of Kevin "K-Bone" Volkening, an avid rock climber and employee at Black Diamond Equipment. He died in a tragic climbing accident in Wyoming on August 30, 2013 at the age of 25. His friends, family, and co-workers set a goal to create something long-lasting to honor K-Bone at his favorite climbing area. The group raised funds and with the help of Black Diamond Equipment, the Access Fund, Friends of Indian Creek, and the BLM they were able to construct the toilet. The unique toilet design incorporates several climbing specific details including the use of scrap steel left over from the manufacturing of climbing equipment. This thoughtful contribution helps to further protect the resource and meet the challenges of increasing visitation.



Volunteers pose in front of a toilet they built in memory of Kevin "K-Bone" Volkening, a rock climber who loved Indian Creek, UT.

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The completed toilet, paid for and built by volunteers in memory of Kevin "K-Bone" Volkening.

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